FOB value of exports of bulk drugs and formulations

*260. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of FOB value of exports on which advance licences are issued for export of bulk drugs and formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the percentage is very high;

(c) whether it is also a fact that calculations are done for advance licence on FOB value of exports which include agency commission and blanket permit charges;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this Ministry are considering to reduce the percentage and also to deduct the agency commission and foreign exchange utilised against blanket permit; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and by when a final decision in the matter would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Advance licences for export of bulk drugs and formulations are granted, in general, when FOB value of export is 33 per cent higher than the CIF value of all imported inputs.

(b) This percentage is provided in the Import-Export Policy and is considered reasonable.

(c) Agency charges are excluded from the FOB value, for calculating the value addition which is based on the CIF value of imports.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Closing of the Gandhamardan Bauxite States

1993. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to create some more revenue districts in different States;

(b) whether any proposal has been received from the Government of Orissa in that regard; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Closing of the Gandhamardan Bauxite Mining Project

1994. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to close down the Gandhamardan Bauxite Mining Project set up by BALCO (Bharat Aluminium Company) in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Revamping the Personnel Division of Rourkela Steel Plant

1995. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are irregularities in the matter of providing employment to the local people in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) whether the employees who belong to the State of Orissa are not given justice in the matter of promotions in Rourkela Steel Plant; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Promotions in RSP are done in accordance with the laid down policies of the Company. The question of injustice in this regard to the employees belonging to the State of Orissa does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Two Tier Interest Rate Structure for Agricultural Credit

1996. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposals under their consideration to introduce a two-tier interest rate structure for agricultural credit;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would be applicable for all agricultural credit or in respect of selected ones only?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The present rates of interest of short-term agricultural loans to farmers with effect from 1st March, 1989 are as under:—

Short Term agricultural loans to farmers	Rate of interest (% per annum) effective from 1-3-1989
(*a*) upto Rs. 75.00/- . .	10.0
(*b*) over Rs. 7500/- and upto Rs. 15,000/- . . .	11.5
(*c*) over Rs. 15.000/- and upto Rs. 25,000/- . . .	12.0
(*d*) over Rs. 25,000/- . .	14.0 to 15.5

The interest rates for any investment credit availed of by small and marginal farmers is 10 per cent per annum only as against 12.5 per cent per annum for other category of farmers. Besides, 1 per cent of the total credit of the commercial banks is provided at the Differential Rate of Interest of 4 per cent. Housing loans upto Rs. 5000/- to SC/ST beneficiaries are provided at a interest rate of 4 per cent. The interest rate structure is kept under review by the Reserve Bank of India.

नई दिल्ली स्थित करावल नगर में स्टेट बैंक आफ इंडिया के शाखा प्रबंधक के खिलाफ मामला

1997. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक**: क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली स्थित करावल नगर में सटेट बैंक आफ इंडिया का शाखा प्रबन्धक खाता धारियों को अपने खातों से धनराशि निकालने के लिये बाध्य कर रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि भारत सेवा समिति, भीम नगर, करावल नगर एक्सटेंशन, दिल्ली–110094, के खाते में धनराशि होने के बावजूद, उक्त समिति को धनराशि अदा नहीं की जा रही है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस मामले में क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

वित्त मंत्री (प्रो. मधु दंडवते) : (क) से (ग) भारतीय स्टेट बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि बैंक को उनकी करावल नगर शाखा में ग्राहक खातों से निकासी की मनाही से संबंधित कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है । भारतीय स्टेट बैंक के अनुसार, भारत सेवा समिति, को भुगतान करने में देरी का कारण समिति के उप-नियमों के अनुसार खाते के परिचालन के लिए कतिपय औपचारिकताओं का अनुपालन न किया जाना है । यदि खाताधारी विभिन्न औपचारिकताएं पूरी कर दे तो बैंक भुगतान करने की अनुमति देने के लिए तैयार हैं ।